Name of Gliding Clubs with date/year of establishment	No. of Gliders
Ludhiana Aviation Club, Ludhiana (Gliding Wing) 01.03.1977	01
Northern India Flying Club, Camp at Patiala (Gliding Wing)	02
Pinjore Branch of HICA (Gliding Wing) 2/1982	02
Hissar Branch of HICA (Gliding Wing) 1968	01
Rajasthan State Flying School, Jaipur (Gliding Wing) 19.06.1998	02
Bihar Gliding Club, Patna	03

*Not functioning.

SOPS to private airlines

3968. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether is it proposed to give SOPS to airlines for linking metropolitan cities and small towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of private airlines to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Proposal is under consideration.

(c) Does not arise.

Withdrawal of facilities at airports

3969. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken not to improve any passenger facilities at the present domestic terminal of IGIA and Mumbai till new airports are built;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the AAI has decided to stop construction of new facilities at the existing terminals at IGIA and Mumbai;

(c) the details of steps proposed by AAI in withdrawing from all the interim improvement contemplated;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there will be reduced AAI presence at all domestic terminals; and

(e) the details of such decisions taken recently by the AAI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (e) No, Sir. However, Operation, Management and Development of Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi and Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport Mumbai have been handed over to Joint Venture Companies namely Delhi International Airport Private Limited and Mumbai International Airport Private Limited respectively to modernise and upgrade the facilities at both airports with effect from 03.05.2006.

Upgradation of Dabolin airport

3970. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flights both national and international which land at Dabolin airport;

(b) the total number of passengers who arrive in Goa, daily both by domestic and international flights, season-wise;

(c) the facilities which Dabolin airport is lacking in to make it an average international airport; and

(d) the plans proposed by Government for the upgradation of Dabolin airport and the cost involved thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Total 15655 international and domestic flights have been operated during 2005-06 at Dabolin airport.

(b) The passengers handled per day during peak season (November to February) varies from 1153 to 1241 for international sector and 978 to 2428 for domestic sector and during lean season (May to September) passengers handled per day is as low as 41 for international and 1141 for domestic sector.